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# How You Can Reach Me

## I'm Steve Kirby, your State Representative.

You can help me represent you by telling me your ideas about solving problems and improving government. I'm easily reached through any of the phone numbers and addresses below.

Christel Mason-Gillespie, my legislative assistant, is also here to help you. Don't hesitate to call or write. We're here to serve!

- E-mail:** kirby\_st@leg.wa.gov  
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# My Committees

- Rules.** This powerful "traffic cop" committee can block or advance attempted laws. Being on Rules helps me to guard Pierce County interests.
- Agriculture & Ecology.** My focus on this committee is protecting clean air, drinking water and food safety, and promoting suburban and rural interests.
- Criminal Justice & Corrections** handles most criminal sentencing, jail and prison issues. Preventing our area from being used as a dumping ground for corrections and sex-offender facilities is a top priority.
- Local Government and Housing.** My 15 years on the Tacoma City Council helps me to keep our area's needs in focus on this committee. My issues here include regulatory fairness, affordable housing and landlord/tenant issues.

# First Impressions . . .

Dear neighbors,

Greetings from the planet Olympia. As your newest State Representative, I thought I'd just check in and let you know what I'm doing on your behalf in this very strange place. I'm sure the legislature will eventually adjust to my presence here. Sometimes my irreverent streak flies in the face of what I consider to be a lot of useless ceremony. After all, we're elected officials - not royalty.

Since my arrival, I've learned that this legislative process was not designed with the passage of good public policy in mind. Rather it has evolved into a much-needed mechanism for protecting the public from the mountain of bad legislation that is proposed each year.

I've also found that partisan politics often prevails over the passage of good public policy. In my fifteen years as a non-partisan city councilman, it was common for Democrats and Republicans to sit side-by-side to solve problems. I miss that. One of my long-term goals is to ratchet down the current partisan polarization that I feel divides the people of our state against one another.

Finally, I've learned that much of the good legislation passed here is the direct result of ideas from constituents. Accordingly, I've included a panel to encourage ideas from home. Please keep it handy, and as you go about your daily business, let me know when it occurs to you that..."there oughtta be a law." If it's a good enough idea, it'll survive the process and make our community better, and that's what I'm here for.

That's all for now. My office was spared from any significant earthquake damage, so I'll spend about half a day cleaning up and get on with my work.

Steve Kirby

# There oughtta be a law

There oughtta be a law....

Have a good idea for a law? Tell me about it. Working together, we may convince the Legislature to enact your ideas for good laws.

Dear Steve:

Sincerely,  
address:  
phone:  
e-mail address: